Number of questions disallowed for the last 3 years.

163. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of disallowed questions for the last three years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Since the subject of the duties of the President, the Government did not consider it proper to call for details.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, since the points are the same I suppose there is no necessity for supplementary questions. Is it not so, Sir?

President.—Yes. We will pass on to the next question.

164. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to their letters C. 1-C- No. 582/08, dated May 3rd, 5th and the two ones of 9th May, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the word or words, regarding which the disallowance in each case was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not clear the letters of which office the member refers to.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was the member asked to make it clearer?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the length of the notice the Secretary had, in regard to this question?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—About two to three months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do not the Government think that for the efficient discharge of the work of this Council such matters should be referred back again to the members so that answers might be given to the members?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There is no provision in the Council Regulation to refer back questions for the purpose of rendering them clearer and more intelligible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there anything prohibiting it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Perhaps, not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not at least a matter of courtesy to do so?

Questions and resolutions that could not be dealt with in the last meeting—remedy for defect.

165. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of questions answered in the last meeting;

(b) the number of (a) that could not be dealt with during question time;

(c) the number of outstanding resolutions of the last meeting;

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